

UPR of Italy – Statement of Japan

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Firstly, Japan appreciates that, based on the outcome of its first UPR, Italy has been cooperating with various stakeholders and making efforts to strengthen domestic legislation in the domain of human rights. In this regard, Japan notes that Italy has not yet ratified the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CPED). Japan is aware of that Italy is currently in the process of preparing for its ratification, so Japan **recommends** that Italy ratify the CPED in as timely a manner as possible.

Secondly, on Italy's procedures for acceptance and repatriation of migrants and refugees, Japan appreciates the role Italy has been playing on this front, including the implementation of Operation "Mare Nostrum", and welcomes transparency improved since the last UPR cycle. Japan **recommends** that Italy continue to give consideration to the human-rights perspective in its migration policy and implementation, in collaboration with other European countries which are final destinations of migrants.

Lastly, it has been reported that minorities such as Roma and Sinti, especially women and children, find themselves living in difficult circumstances. Japan encourages Italy to take continued measures to improve the situation of these minorities.

I thank you.